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SUBJECT: NEW BELGIAN CABINET ANNOUNCED; SIMONET IS FOREIGN MI
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SUMMARY: BELGIUM'S 45- DAY GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS ENDED

JUNE 2 WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW TINDEMANS GOVERNMENT

COMPOSED OF SOCIAL CHRISTIANS (CVP-PSC),SOCIALISTS

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(PSB-BSP), BRUSSELS FRANCOPHONES (FDF)AND FLEMISH REGIONALISTS

(VOLKSUNIE-VU).THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRL 172 OF

THE TOTAL 212 SEATS IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT.THE

NEW GOVERNMENT DECLARATION TO THE HOUSE IS SCHEDULED

FOR JUNE 7, FOLLOWED BY A FORMAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

END SUMMARY.

1.DISSENSION WITHIN VOLKSUNIE (REFTEL)AND HARD
BARGAINING OVER THE ALLOCATION OF MINISTERIAL SEATS
NEARLY STYMIED FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. LATE
JUNE 1 FORMATEUR TINDEMANS WENT TO THE KING TO SAY HE
HAD FAILED TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.THE KING SENT
TINDEMANS BACK TO TRY AGAIN.NOT INTIL 5:30 P.M.TODAY
WAS THE PRIME MINISTER ABLE TO ANNOUNCE HIS CABINET
AFTER SECURING THE KING'SAPPROVAL.

2.THE NEW CABINET IS AS FOLLOWS:
PRIME MINISTER LEO TINDEMANS (CVP)
VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE LEON HUREZ
(PSB)
VICE PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER PAUL VANDEN
BOEYNANTS (PSC)
MINISTER OF JUSTICE RENAAT VAN ELSLANDE (CVP)
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HENRI SIMONET (PSB)
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MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLY CLAES (BSP)
MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND STATE SECRETARY FOR
SOCIAL AFFAIRS (WALLOON)ALFRED CALIFICE (PSC)
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS JOSEPH CHABERT CVP)
MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION (DUTCH LANGUAGE)
JOZEF RAMAEKERS (BSP)
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MIDDLE CLASSES
ANTOINE HUMBLET (PSC)
MINISTER OF FLEMISH CULTURE AND FLEMISH AFFAIRS
MRS.RIKA DE BACKER (CVP)
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